In the major ports sector, 276 projects covering the entire gamut of activities, *viz.* construction/upgradation of berths, deepening of channels, rail/road connectivity of major ports equipment upgradation/modernization, creation of back up facilities etc. have been identified for implementation over a period upto 2011-12. The programmes/schemes will facilitate enhanced private investment, improve service quality and promote competitiveness.

The Government have also launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURAM) in December 2005. The scheme envisages an expenditure of Rs. 50,000/- crore within seven years beginning 2005-06 for upgradation of urban infrastructure facilities in the country.

Government have also announced Bharat Nirman for building rural infrastructure comprising six components namely, irrigation, roads, water supply, housing, rural electrification and rural telecom connectivity over a period of fouryears (2005—09). The preliminary estimates of expenditure for Bharat Nirman has been assessed at Rs. 1,76,000 crores.

(d) Development of Bhubaneswar airport and Paradeep port in Orissa, are parts of the proposals envisaged for development of infrastructure projects.

Decentralization of Annual Planning Process

469. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDYSIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have instructed the States to decentralize the annual planning process;

(b) how far the States are following Article 243 ZD of the Constitution which provides for involvement of District Planning Committees in finalizing State plan;

(c) the details of States which have the District Planning Committees;

(d) whether the Ministry has put any pressure on the States to follow the mandate of the Constitution in letter and spirit, at least, from the financial year 2006-07; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (e) Yes Sir. All States and Union Territories (except Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, J & K, the Hill areas in the State of Manipur, the Hill areas of the District of Darjeeling for which Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council exists, NCT of Delhi) and Sixth Schedule Areas where Autonomous District Councils have been constituted, are required to set up District Planning Committes in accordance with Article 243 ZD of the Constitution of I ndia. The States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Uttaranchal, West Bengal and the Unoin Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu and Lakshadweep have constituted District Planning Committees in all the Districts. Manipur has constituted these Committees in four Valley Districts. District Planning Committees have not been constituted in Jharkhand and Pondicherry where elections to Panchayats are yet to be held. Uttar Pradesh has enacted legislation for District Planning Committee but is yet to issue the notification for the constitution of these bodies. Maharashtra has not constituted DPCs in accordance with Article 243 ZD of the Constitution, but has District Planning and Development Councils headed by a Minister, including nominated members from Panchayats and Municipalities. Andhra Pradesh has issued an Ordinance in September, 2005 for the constitution of DPCs pending the passage of the relevant bill in the Legislative Assembly. Punjab has enacted legislation on the constitution of DPCs in October, 2005. The Union Territory of Chandigarh has stated that since the UT comprises of just one district, the planning function can be carried out at the territorial level. The Status of Constitution of DPCs based on available information is given in the statement.

Statement

Status of constitution ofDPCs

SI.No.	States/UTs	Status of constitution of DPCs
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Not yet constituted.
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Not yet constituted.
3.	Assam	Not yet constituted.
4.	Bihar	Constituted in all 38 districts. Chairman ZP is the Chairman of DPCs.
5.	Chhattisgarh	Constituted-Minister is Chairperson of DPC.
6.	Goa	Constitued. President of ZP is the Chairperson of DPC.
7.	Gujarat	Not yet constituted.
8.	Haryana	Constituted in all 19 districts.
9.	Himachal Pradesh	Constiutted in 12 districts. Minister is Chairperson of DPC.
10.	Karnataka	Yes. In all districts, President, ZP is Chairperson of DPC.
11.	Jharkhand	Panchayat Elections yet to be held.
12.	Kerala	Yes. Chairman of District Panchayat (DP) is Chairman of DPC.
13.	Madhya Pradesh	Yes. District in-harge Ministers are Chairpersons.
14.	Maharashtra	Not constituted in accordance with Article 243 ZD.
15.	Manipur	Yes, in 4 districts, Adhyaksha, DP is Chairperson.
16.	Orissa	26 Districts, Ministers if Chairperson of DPC.
17.	Punjab	Not yet constituted.
18.	Rajasthan	Yes, Chairman of DP is Chaiman of DPC.
19.	Sikkim	Yes.
20.	Tamil Nadu	Yes, Chairperson, DP is Chairperson.
21.	Tripura	Not yet constituted.
22.	Uttar Pradesh	DPCs are not functional.

SI.No.	States/UTs	Status of constitution of DPCs
23.	Uttaranchal	Yes, Minister is chairman of DPC.
24.	West Bengal	Yes, Chairperson, DP is Chairman of DPC
25.	A& Islands	Yes, Chairperson of DP is Chairman of DPC.
26.	Chandigarh	Not yet constituted.
27.	D & N Haveli	Yes, Chairman, DP is Chairman of DPC.
28.	Daman & Diu	Yes. Chairman, DP is Chairman of DPC.
29.	Lakshadweep	Yes. Collector cum Dev. Commissioner is Chaiperson.
30.	Pondicherry	Panchayat Elections yet to be held.

Conclave of Chief Ministers

470. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conclave of Chief Ministers was held in Chandigarh on October 7-8,2005;

(b) if so, what issues were discussed therein; and

(c) what decisions were taken thereat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No Conclave of Chief Ministers was organised by the Planning Commission in October 2005.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Backward districts in Uttaranchal

471. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of backward districts in Uttaranchal for grant of backward region fund to correct the regional imbalances in the State;